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July 13, 2018

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter.

This week, I was in Austin for a meeting of the Commission on Public School Finance. During this meeting, we heard the recommendations from the Outcomes Work Group. The commission meeting originally scheduled for August 8 has now turned into a meeting for the Expenditures Work Group *only*. This was announced at the end of the meeting, but I wanted to make sure you could mark your calendar accordingly. As always, you can find more information on the [School Finance Commission website](#).

It was so great to see so many of you at the Community Input meeting for the San Jacinto Watershed. As the Harris County Flood Control District moves forward with its plans, I will be sure to keep you informed of any developments. In this edition of the newsletter, you'll find several pieces of information that can help you make your decision when the bond election comes around. If you were not able to make the meeting on Tuesday, there is a video of the meeting below.

If you have any questions comments or concerns about anything at all, please feel free to contact my office. My email (and my staff's emails) are linked at the bottom of the newsletter. You can also feel free to call my Capitol office at 512-463-0520 or my District office at 281-360-9410.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,



July 2018 Calendar - now updated

Download my July 2018 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could be fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing or sending to your family members.



[Click Here to View and Download This Month's Calendar!](#)

Hurricane Harvey Updates

Harris County Flood Control District Community Meetings *Bond Election Information*

It was great to see so many folks at the San Jacinto Watershed meeting on Tuesday evening. A video of the meeting can be found in the next section. There are upcoming watershed meetings for the [Cedar Bayou](#) and [Luce Bayou](#). Due to the size of the San Jacinto River watershed, Harris County officials will be presenting the San Jacinto programs again at both of those meetings, along with the other projects. You can find the times, locations, and information about other community meetings [here](#).

Please be sure you make your voice heard and comment on any and all of the projects. Full details on how to submit comments via the web, mail and phone may be found [here](#). Each of the specific programs has a comment procedure, but HCFCD is also accepting comments on county wide projects. To learn more about the county-wide programs, [follow this link](#).

[You can offer comment on the county wide projects by following this link.](#)

An interactive map of projects under discussion is available and will be updated as projects finalize. (The interactive map allows you to click on the button to the left side to turn on legislative district boundaries.) By clicking on icons for the project locations, you can read more about expected projects, their costs and participants/funding. The link to the site is: <http://www.harriscountyfemt.org/cb>

You can read more about the past meetings below and offer input at the links:

[SJR Watershed Projects](#)

[SJR Watershed Input](#)

[Cypress Creek Watershed Projects and Meeting Video](#)

[CC Watershed Input](#)

[Spring Creek Watershed Projects and Meeting Video](#)

[Spring Creek Watershed Input](#)

[Greens Bayou Projects List and Meeting Video](#)

[Greens Bayou Input](#)

San Jacinto Watershed Community Meeting *Video*



Talk to Preparedness Experts about Your Home *THIS WEEKEND*

FEMA encourages you to meet with disaster preparedness experts at various home improvement stores around Houston to discuss how to prep your property for the worst case scenario.

These events have been taking place all week, but will conclude on Saturday, so please be sure you take advantage of this opportunity.

[You can find more information here.](#)



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HURRICANE HARVEY

News Release

Mitigation specialists invite all Texans to talk preparedness July 9-14

AUSTIN, Texas – Join the more than 47,000 Texans who have learned from FEMA mitigation specialists at local home improvement stores how to better prepare their homes for natural disasters.

Hurricane season began in June, making it a great time to meet with a FEMA expert and learn how to prepare for extreme weather. Our mitigation specialists will provide tips and techniques on how to repair and build more hazard-resistant homes using proven methods to mitigate against future flood damage.

Specialists are eager to meet with anyone who has questions about disaster preparedness, even if Hurricane Harvey did not affect them. Topics covered include making a family disaster plan, disaster supply kits and the importance of flood insurance. FEMA mitigation specialists will be available at these stores:

County	Locations	Dates	Hours
Harris	Lowe's (Store #6506) 6800 Highway 6 North, Houston, 77084	Mon. July 9-Sat. July 14	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot (Store #6838) 12727 FM 1960 West, Houston, 77065	Mon. July 9-Sat. July 14	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot (Store #576) 20360 Highway 59, Humble, 77338	Mon. July 9 Tues. July 10-Sat. July 14	11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot (#534) 1111 N. Fry Road, Katy, 77449	Mon. July 9-Sat. July 14	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot (Store #568) 20131 N. I-45, Spring, 77373	Mon. July 9-Sat. July 14	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Recover Lake Houston #PleaforDDG



The purpose of our #PleaForDDG campaign is to show our county commissioners that we are in full support of the proposed projects currently on the on the Harris County Flood Control Bond program and to make sure they know how vital those projects are for the quality of life in the Lake Houston Area.

[Get involved with #PleaforDDG here!](#)

Harris County Urges Travel Precautions



Take Precautions Traveling During Hurricane Season

Harris County Urges Preparedness While Traveling During Hurricane Season (Houston, TX) - As you make travel plans this summer, the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management reminds residents that hurricane season is...

[Read more](#)

www.readyharris.org

Updates from Austin

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts



Revenue Estimate Raised by More than \$2.8 Billion

July 11, 2018 (AUSTIN) -Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today revised the Certification Revenue Estimate (CRE), announcing better than expected revenue growth in fiscal 2018 and an improved economic outlook for fiscal 2019.

[Read more](#)

comptroller.texas.gov

Click Here to Read the Announcement to State Officials

July 11, 2018 The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor The Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor The Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House Members of the

85th Legislature Ladies and Gentlemen: As I have pledged throughout my tenure as state...

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comptroller.texas.gov

Texas Named CNBC's 'America's Top State For Business' For 2018



Texas Workforce Investment Council



TWIC Releases Recent Publications

The agency recently released The Texas Workforce System Strategic Plan FY 2016–FY 2023, A Guide to Apprenticeship in Texas; Veterans Workforce Services in Texas; Vocational Rehabilitation Services: A Texas Primer; Apprenticeship Brochures; and more!

[Read more](#)
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Constituent Resources

Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered during the week will be posted to our Facebook page. By "liking" us, you will stay up-to-date about important matters across the state that affect you and your family. Click below to find our page.



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